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Staff Sergeant Charles L. Shaub. The mission for Sgt Shaub, loadmaster, and his C-130 crew on 15 April 1972 was to drop ammunition to US forces battling the enemy in the Vietnamese jungle. While enroute, the plane was hit by anti-aircraft fire which caused a potentially disastrous fire in the cargo area. Sgt Shaub

instinctively jettisoned the explosive crates on board. Within seconds of their exit, the crates exploded. He then began extinguishing the fierce fire within the plane. Although he'd suffered burns on his face, arms, and hands, he had the blaze under control within minutes. Sgt Shaub's actions saved the plane and his four crewmembers.
